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Subject	LEP Loan 102

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Investment Committee with an update on this situation relating to a project that received a LEP Loan in 2013.

2. Information

- 2.1 On 4 January 2017, on an exceptional basis, the Committee approved the provision of grant funding of £200k to a project already in receipt of a LEP Loan, of which £150k was spent in 2016/17, with a further £50k subject to further consideration. The Committee asked to be updated on the progress of the project.

Risks

- 2.2 The risks related to this situation are being carefully monitored as there are areas of concern.

Benefits

- 2.3 Currently, the project continues to operate and deliver benefits and outputs.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The status of both the LEP and other loans is being continually assessed and it is possible that despite the grant support and ongoing monitoring, this project could fail. Because of this, there will be a future recommendation that the loan is impaired in WYCA's accounts as anticipated future payments may be delayed or not received. However this does not mean that project failure is inevitable and there is still scope to recoup WYCA funds.

4. Legal Implications, Access to Information

- 4.1 The information contained in **Appendix A** is exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). In particular it provides information in relation to costs at

a time when commercial negotiations are ongoing. It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the content of the appendix as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as publication could prejudice current and future negotiations.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications.

6. Recommendations

6.1 To recommend that in relation to the LEP loan made to this project,

- Members note that the project is considered to be a high risk.
- That the next steps are supported as set out in the exempt appendix
- That any future decisions with financial implications be progressed through delegation to the Managing Director.

7. Background Documents

7.1 None.